**GSA Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2012**

Ankur:

PhDs can now submit dissertations electronically to the grad school. MS students sill have to submit paper copies, and the AOS department still requires paper copies for both.

We now have a budget for prospective student lunches – 4 people likely covered.

AOS 900 is still required for a PhD - it appears Angel was confused about this. Will waive requirement for Spring 2012 graduations if needed.

Ankur and Tristan will offer it in Fall, 2012.

Degree progress tracking form handed out and discussed. Self assessment, so we know where we are in our degree. Opening up communication between advisors and students. Call for suggestions and comments before the end of February.

Faculty Rep Update

AOS poster reception on April 17th in Varsity Hall at Union South.

Two TAs will be nominated for teaching award

Want to add a TA to Galen’s new 332 global warming class

Issues in that it overlaps Matt’s 171 class.

Fall Courses: AOS 761 ocean dynamics taught by Liu. 915 dynamics seminar, 965, an ocean class from Galen

Tripoli is teaching AOS 100

We had 160+ graduate student applications. Will take ~10%, perhaps

L&S has a new innovation initiative for us to find new sources of revenue. Thinking about starting a new MA/MBA/MSBA program with Business in some sort of sustainability global change framework.

Melissa Omand visited in January as her husband signed on in Chemistry? as a professor. Looking to do a spousal hire, but AOS doesn’t have funding. Perhaps between Limnology and Civil Engineering.

Awards Committee

Will take nominations soon for teaching awards. AOS 500 and above, and you must have taken a class with them in the past year.

Welcome Committee

AOS recruit coming in, bowling with her on Sunday at Union South, Monday Lunch meeting.

Colloquium Committee

Speaker Monday is a weather program producer – sign up to meet with them!

Outreach

An elementary school outreach opportunity is coming up.

5/6 grade Oceanography class coming to AOS in Feb and Mar.

Graduation Ceremony

We’ll have an AOS graduation here on Saturday, maybe instead of with the larger L&S crowd.

No New Business

Close

2 more GSA meetings for the 2011-2012 school year. Faculty Teaching Award voting in March, new officers in April.